Expansion Plan for growing traffic in Kandla Port

2461. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kandla Port Authorities have drawn up a massive expansion plan so to cope with the fast growth in traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the financial assistance provided during the Eighth Plan period for the purpose and proposed to be provided during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kandla Port Trust has proposed 9th Five Year Plan outlay of Rs. 860.79 crores which consists of 98 schemes Broad classification of schemes is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	No. of Scheme	Amount
(i) Expansion/Additional capacities	44	555.50
(ii) Replacement/Modernisation	37	269.61
(iii) Ancillary/Additional	17	35.68
	98	860.79

The year wise phasing of the 9th Five Year Plan is as below:—

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
85.08	249.74	222.78	166.22	136.97

(c) and (d) No financial assistance was provided nor proposed to be provided to Kandla Port Trust during 8th Five Year Plan and 9th Five Year Plan respectively by the Government since all the Plan expenditure/expansion programmes to be financed by Kandla Port Trust out of its own internal resources.

National Road Safety Policy

2462. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Road Safety Policy has since been finalised by the representatives from the States and the Centre;

(b) if so, what are the broad features of this policy;

(c) whether the policy has envisaged steps to bring down the fatality rate in road accidents and to reduce the number of accidents; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The National Road Safety Council which met recently has formulated an action programme on road safety which requires action on the part of Central/State Governments and voluntary agencies.